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Congresswoman Aumua Amata and US Vice President Michael Pence discuss American Samoa issues in the U.S. Capitol. Pence will be stopping over in American Samoa this Sunday. The centerpiece of his visit is the dedication of the Veterans Administration outpatient clinic to the memory of the late Congressman Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, who passed away in February at his home in Utah. See story below. [photo: Amata’s office]



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Sau Ia Bodybuilding Expo and Competition features “The Rhino”

HE HOLDS TITLE OF “WORLD’S STRONGEST BODYBUILDER”

By Leiloa Ese Malala
Samoa News Staff Writer

Sau Ia Bodybuilding Inc. hosted a highly successful two-day event last week Thursday and Friday featuring the one and only IFBB Pro Bodybuilder and Powerlifter, who also holds the title of the World’s Strongest bodybuilder — Stan “The Rhino” Efferding. Stan Efferding is an American IFBB professional bodybuilder and a powerlifter competing in the Southern Powerlifting Federation. He currently holds the all time raw world powerlifting records in the 275 pound class and in the squat without knee wraps. Due to his enormous physical strength, regularly competing in professional powerlifting contests along his career in professional competitive bodybuilding, Efferding is often referred to as the “world’s strongest bodybuilder”.

“We decided to put this together to promote to the people of American Samoa the importance of being

fit and healthy,” said Peter Reid, President of the Sau Ia Bodybuilding Inc.

The first day was last week Thursday, in which they held an EXPO from 9- 5pm inviting others who to discover new health, workout and nutrition tips from “The Rhino” himself. It was a free admission event which had concession stands, fitness apparel, supplements and contests on biggest guns, back, and pump your body weight challenge.

Efferding told Samoa News he visited some high schools talking more about bodybuilding and how it can better the health of an individual starting at a young age.

A student of Tafuna High School visited the EXPO on Thursday and said to Samoa News, “I always thought bodybuilding was for big guys but now I know it’s for anyone in any kind of size, so I really enjoyed today’s event.”

Then came the second day, which was the competition for bodybuilding.

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Vice President Pence to visit American Samoa

DEDICATION OF VA CLINIC CENTERPIECE OF VISIT

Pago Pago, AS — Tuesday, April 18, 2017 — Congresswoman Aumua Amata announces that during his visit to the territory, this Sunday — U.S. Vice President Mike Pence will dedicate the Veterans Administration outpatient clinic to the memory of the late Congressman Eni F.H.

Faleomavaega, who passed away in February at his home in Utah.

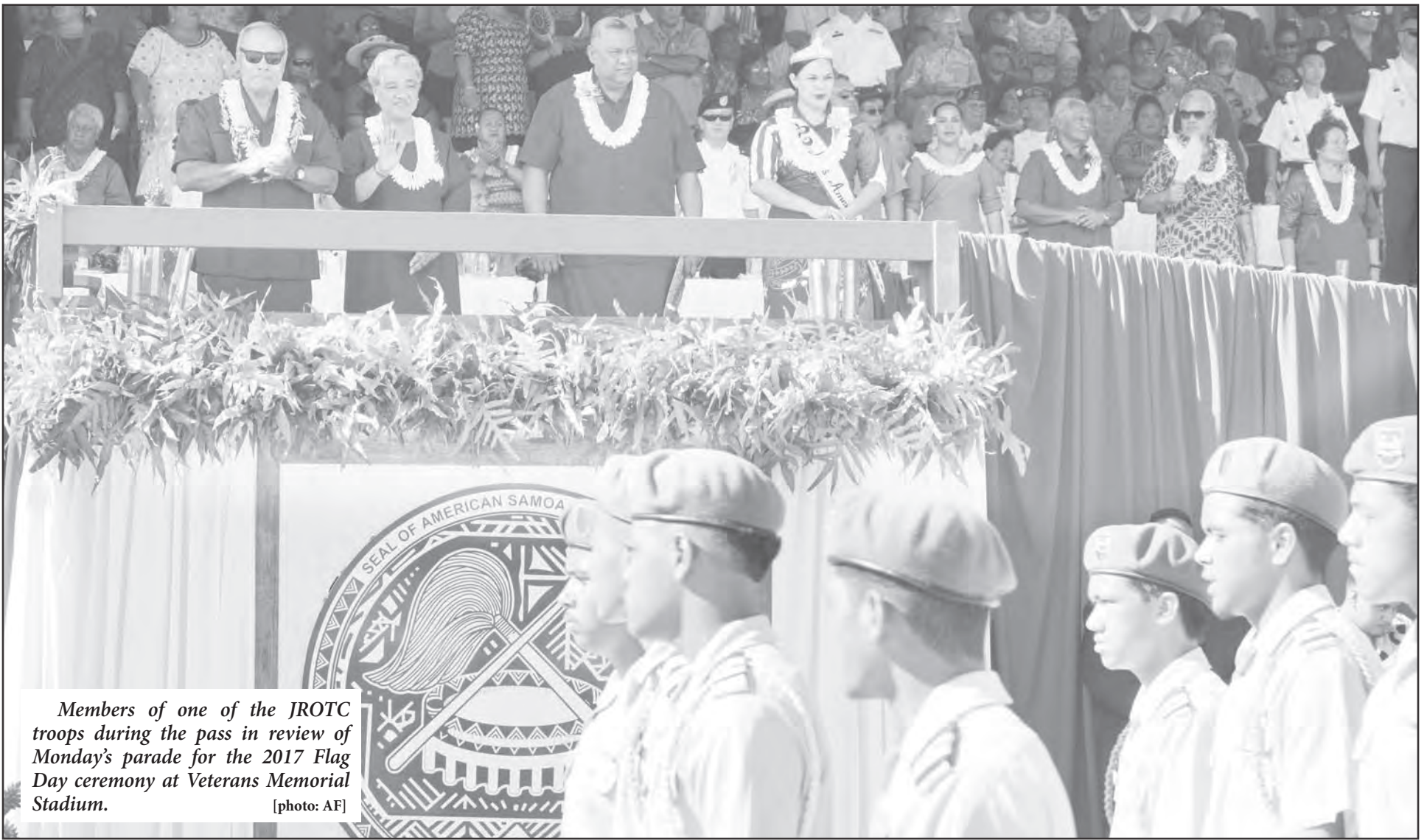
The Pence delegation, which will include his wife and two daughters, will arrive at Pago Pago International Airport Sunday, April 23 and

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New Champion Aunese Tauinailoa of Aua and his sponsor Aaron Forsgren & family after winning the Sau Ia Bodybuilding Competition of 2017 held last Friday at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium in Utulei. [Photo: EM]





Members of one of the JROTC troops during the pass in review of Monday's parade for the 2017 Flag Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Stadium. [photo: AF]

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will stay for an hour and a half before departing for Honolulu.

Upon Faleomavaega's passing, Amata introduced legislation after consultation with the Governor and the concurrence of the President of the

Senate and the Speaker of the House, to name the VA outpatient clinic in the former congressman's honor. After speedy passage by both houses, President Donald Trump signed it into law on March 31.

"I had hoped to have a White House signing ceremony while Eni's widow Hina was in Washington for his memorial service, but that was the week of all-day and all-night healthcare negotiations between congressional leaders and the President, so there simply was no time available before the constitutional time limit for signature would have expired. Nonetheless, I was pleased at least to be able to announce at the memorial church service that the President would be signing the bill the following week," Amata said.

When the Vice President arrives on Sunday, he will be only the sixth White House dignitary to have visited the territory in its 117-year affiliation with the United States.

First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt visited in 1943 to lift the people's spirits during the Pacific War; President Lyndon Johnson, whose administration funded the hospital for which it subsequently was named, visited once en route to New Zealand in October 1966.

In January 1977, President Jimmy Carter sent his son Jeff and Jeff's wife Annette to represent him at the inaugural of Peter Tali Coleman as the territory's first elected governor. The Carters reciprocated the Samoan hospitality by inviting Amata to have dinner in the White House family quarters in her next trip to Washington.

In Washington, in February 1989, Governor Coleman invited Vice President Dan Quayle to visit American Samoa in connection with his Pacific trip to commemorate the World War II Battle of the Coral Sea.

The first vice president ever to visit the territory, Mr. Quayle, who invited the Governor and Mrs. Coleman to accompany him from Washington on Air

Force Two, toured the island and had lunch with the governor and other government dignitaries at Government House before departing for Australia four hours later.

In November of that year, future Vice President Dick Cheney also stopped in Pago Pago in his capacity as Secretary of Defense and in July of last year, Joe Biden became the second sitting vice president to visit here as part of a tour of the Pacific Rim. Although he did not leave the airport, Biden took time to leave the VIP area to greet and have photos taken with members of the local population.

When he arrives, Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga, Lt. Gov. Lemanu Peleti Palepoi Sialega Mauga, Congresswoman Amata and other local dignitaries will welcome Vice President Pence. The Governor will then lead a traditional welcoming ceremony.

In addition to dedicating the clinic, the Vice President will review the troops. In view of time constraints and security requirements, all activities will be held at the airport.

The visit has come about at the invitation of Amata, who was a member of the Presidential Transition Executive Committee, which Mr. Pence chaired.

A few weeks ago, after a closed-door Capitol Hill meeting with House Republicans, at which he unveiled his plans for an Asia-Pacific trip, Amata pulled aside his chief of staff to urge that the Vice President add Pago Pago to his itinerary after his meetings in Sydney and the vice president quickly agreed.

"It made perfect sense to invite the vice president to dedicate the clinic, since the legisla-

tion naming this federal facility was signed less than a month ago," explained Amata, "and besides, Mike Pence came to know Eni because they served together in Congress."

Amata herself first met the Vice President during her service on the House leadership staff at the House Republican Conference, which Pence later chaired before running for Governor of Indiana.

"I am really looking forward to the Vice President's visit," said Amata, "so he can visualize what we are all about and get a real sense of our isolation from the rest of the country. The vice president being President Trump's principal liaison with the House of Representatives, I am hoping to enlist him to join me in explaining to my colleagues why our federal assistance is a vital lifeline."

Amata concluded, "The vice president has graciously invited me to join his delegation aboard Air Force Two for the trip to Honolulu," noting that Mr. Pence also would be reviewing troops there and meeting with top military commanders before returning to the Mainland.

BACKGROUND

Samoa News reminds that during V.P. Quayle's visit in April 1989 to American Samoa his opening remarks included this now well-known quote, "You all look like happy campers to me. Happy campers you are, happy campers you have been, and, as far as I am concerned, happy campers you will always be." American Samoans at the time found it highly amusing, while many also believed it to be condescending and insulting.

Quayle was known for his verbal gaffes, during his vice presidency, and was VP to President George H.W. Bush from 1989 to 1993.

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New Champion Aunese Tauinailoa of Aua and his sponsor Aaron Forsgren & family after winning the Sau Ia Bodybuilding Competition of 2017 held last Friday at the Gov. H. Rex Lee Auditorium in Utulei.

[Photo: EM]

Senate rearranges confirmation hearings for nominees to ASG boards

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

Senate President Gaoteote Tofau Palaie has rearranged confirmation hearings for the governor's nominees to ASG boards, with the plan to end the special session tomorrow, Thursday, as the House is waiting for the Senate to complete its work.

Late last week, Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga called a special session, which commenced yesterday and is not to last more than 5 calendar days. And the Senate scheduled yesterday morning two separate confirmation hearings for the Immigration Board and the Board of Registration for Professional Surveyors, with communication sent to the Governor's Office last week about yesterday's confirmation hearings.

Several senators voiced concerns that not all of the nominated board members showed up at yesterday's confirmation hearings and questioned as to whether the governor is aware that nominees were no shows, yet the special session was called by the governor.

Sen. Tuaolo Manaia Fruean believes there is a breakdown in communication between the nominees and the Governor's

Office. For example, Tuaolo said he was just informed by a nominee to the Board of Registration for Professional Surveyors of being contacted by the Governor's Office yesterday morning about the hearing, but the nominee was already at his job, in his work clothes.

At Fono hearings, both Chambers have a strict dress code when witnesses appear to testify — for example, men must wear ties.

For the board for Professional Surveyors, the only nominee that was able to make the hearing was Taulapapa William Sword, who told senators that he was just informed yesterday morning about the confirmation hearing and rushed over to the Senate.

Luckily, he said, he resides close to town and was able to make it to the hearing.

Thereafter the committee decided to postpone the hearing until later this week to give time to all nominees to attend the next scheduled hearing, which is now set for tomorrow morning.

The communication policy for Fono hearings is that all requests for ASG witnesses — including directors and nominees to boards — are sent by

the Fono to the Governor's Office, which then contacts the requested individuals about the date and time of Fono hearings.

SENATE SESSION

During yesterday's Senate session, senators confirmed all five nominees for the Immigration Board. They are: Gloria Ausage, Tago Ativalu, Togotogo Poto Sotoa, Fanene Edda Wyberki and Sen. Fa'amausili Mau Mau Jr.

Sen. Tuiagamoā Tavai, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the other two board members nominees, Frank Gaisoa and Rep. Gafatasi Afalava, were off island.

Last week, the House confirmed Ausage, Ativalu, Togotogo and Fanene. For Fa'amausili, he is scheduled for confirmation today in the House.

Gaoteote informed senators yesterday that the governor called the special session and communications regarding scheduled confirmation hearings were promptly sent to the administration.

However, he says that if only one nominee shows up, such as in the case of the Board of Surveyors, the hearing should still proceed.

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Youth members of the Catholic Church during the traditional 'siva sasa' performance at yesterday's 2017 Flag Day celebration at Veterans Memorial Stadium. [photo: AF]

Letter to the Editor

"LDS YOUTH"

Dear Editor,

This year's Flag Day theme "Tupulaga Mo Taaeo" sends a strong message to the youth of Amerika Samoa of how precious they are and why we as leaders need to mold and prepare them for the task ahead and embrace the future.

FAAFETAI ma FAAMALO to the youth of EFKAS, Catholic, and Methodist churches for all the hard work and efforts put into their faafiafiaga of dancing and singing. It was indeed very enjoyable to watch, listen, and learn.

However, I am concerned, wondering why the Mormon youth did not participate. Apparently, no invitation was sent out to the leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, commonly known as the "Mormons" for their youth to participate in this year's Flag Day faafiafiagas.

It is interesting that ASG had dedicated this year's flag day celebrations to honor youth from all religious backgrounds and walk of life. Yet, the Mormon youth, who are active participants in numerous community gatherings and activities were visibly absent and excluded from this important youth event.

I am aware that our government is financially struggling and trying to find ways to save money and cut spending. However, it was easily noticeable that only the youth groups from the three dominant religions participated while others like the Mormon youth were excluded. No doubt that the Mormon youth would have been very excited to do it as a free service for the people of Tutuila and Manu'a.

As is commonly known, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints gladly renders free services and promptly lends helping hands wherever and whenever it is needed. ASG has benefited from Mormon youth services throughout the years, and these youngsters would have welcomed the opportunity to collaborate and interact with youth from other religious faiths, had they have been invited!

Faafetai tele and have a great week Amerika Samoa!
Fiatele Aiono

Tui Atua: Impact of climate change in Samoa "evidences a breakdown in our guardianship"

faasinomaga... our tuaoi
by Samoa News staff

In his Flag Day address, on Monday, Samoa Head of State Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi spoke of the impact of climate change on Samoa and the Pacific region and also shared some of his traditional knowledge of the palolo rising, which occurs in October and November, seven days after a full moon. However, many elder Samoans have noticed over the years that this Samoan delicacy is not in abundance compared to years ago; and some elders believe that the lack of palolo is because people are selling it.

Tui Atua was given the honor of delivering the Flag Day address for this year's 117 Flag Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Stadium. He says the impact of climate change "on our Samoa" and the Pacific "evidences a breakdown in our guardianship, responsibilities over kin, over what is done, over what is our faasinomaga (our Samoan identities) and our tuaoi (cultural boundaries).

He recalled, "There was a 'sa o manuvao' or ritual performances acknowledging sacred boundaries between people and the forest..."

In those days, he said, "all ritual... was paid to 'manuvao' before a tree could be cut, before land could be cleared" but those sacred boundaries "have today been sadly forgotten and rejected."

"A breakdown in relation between people and nature is further emphasized when we consider changes to our fishing culture and the loss of traditional fishing knowledge and its associates,"

he said and cited for example, the annual palolo rising.

"We used to know when the palolo would rise, by reading the appearance of the moon. When they rose, we would ritually welcome them by chanting 'fanau mai, fanau mai — be born, be born'," Tui Atua explained. "Our ancestors knew that in the act of rising, the palolo were also birthing. This was evident by the lingering of their palolo chant."

And he asked, "But how did our ancestors know when the palolo would rise or that the palolo were actually giving birth?"

He responded, "They knew through careful and active observation. They knew by watching and counting lunar movements and noticing how seasonal clocks work in the natural world. They knew because they took time to converse with nature and with God."

"There is an old adage which says, e le la'a le uto i le maina — a floater cannot intrude on the function of the sea — and, e le sopo foi le sami i le lau eleele — the sea cannot encroach on the boundaries of the land," he said.

"The adage reminds us, that in everything, there are sacred boundaries," he said, and went on to point out that the "biggest problem facing our families, villages and churches and government today, is the crossing of boundaries or 'sopo tuaoi'..."

See yesterday's Samoa news edition for other details from Tui Atua's address.

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There were different divisions for males, which in the first two divisions a young man sponsored by Zeeks Treats, Jonah Tauafa won overall, and a division for women which was won by Lautiti Manuma of Nu'uuli. Then the last division Aunese Tauinaola of Aua won the Sau Ia Bodybuilding Champion of 2017.

Tauinaola told Samoa News in an interview, "I do this because it's good for my body and my health. It helps me to live longer and to live a happy life and I know it can help others too. God has directed me to this path because it's better than doing drugs and any other bad things kids turn to now-days."

He added, "Thank you to my sponsor and great support Aaron Forsgren and his family, I wouldn't have done it without their help because they too know how important it is to live a healthy lifestyle."

Jonah Tauafa told Samoa News, "I do this because I enjoy it and I love it and anyone can feel the same way too if they just try it." This is the third year Sau Ia Bodybuilding Inc. hosted the event. Their goal is promote it to the island to help fight the lifestyle diseases that are occurring on island such as diabetes, obesity, heart problems, etc.

"We organized this to help our people of American Samoa.

We want to promote that bodybuilding is one of the great ways to fight those diseases. This is why we have Stan here too as an example to better explain how bodybuilding works and why it's important to live a healthy lifestyle," said Reid.

"The Rhino" was featured at the competition where he was able to speak to the audience of his experience in bodybuilding and concluded with a pose off.

The Sau Ia Bodybuilding organization found him through his wife, who is a Samoan. Efferding is a motivational speaker and writer, teaching health, exercise and nutrition.

He told Samoa News, "I speak about health because when you are involved with it, it's a good motivation to do bodybuilding or any other sport you are into. More of the elderly are dying from obesity at a young age and this really can help prevent it."

His wife added, "I didn't know fitness until I met my husband, because growing up in a Samoan environment no one talks about fitness and health. Now I feel great with myself."

According to "The Rhino" being able to be a bodybuilder you have to eat a healthy diet, exercise regularly."

He said, "if you are someone who drinks 4 sodas a day, and then you end up drinking two sodas, that's progress. If you



President and Organizer of the Sau Ia Bodybuilding Inc, Peter Reid and Sala McMoore after the two-day bodybuilding event held last Thursday and Friday at the Lee Auditorium in Utulei. [Photo: EM]

are someone who sits at home all day then ends up going for a 10-minute walk, that's progress. It takes time for it, because once you take one step at a time and become more disciplined and consistent, you are creating a healthy lifestyle — so GET

INTO BODYBUILDING."

The couple concluded by thanking Peter Reid and Sala McMoore (Vice President of Sau Ia Bodybuilding Inc.) for having them on island and organizing an amazing event because of their concern for the

people of American Samoa.

For more information to learn more about the world's strongest bodybuilder Stan "The Rhino" Efferding you can find him on Facebook or watch his work, sessions and speeches on youtube.

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Front row, standing on stage at Veterans Memorial Stadium during raising of the United States and American Samoa flags at Monday's 2017 Flag Day ceremony [l-r] Mrs. Cynthia Malala Moliga, Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga, Samoa Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, Interior Department's Acting Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Nikolao Pula and Lt. Gov. Lemanu Peleti Mauga. [photo: AF]

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- 8:00 am Short Prayer Service at the LBJ Hospital Chapel in Fagaalu
Mary's body will then be taken directly to the St Joseph's Co-Cathedral Catholic Church in Fagatogo
- 8:30 am Family Service and Viewing
- 10:00 am Requeim Mass
- 11:30 am After the Final Commendation at the Cathedral, Mary's body will be taken to the Fanene Family Guest House in Lalopu'a, Pago Pago, for her family's final farewell
- 1:00 pm Burial at Lalopu'a, at her final resting place alongside her Husband and Parents

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► **Senate ...**

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He said the Senate can not hold up its work just because witnesses don't show up.

Additionally, the 72-hour requirement for the Fono notice to the governor's office for witnesses to testify is waived when it comes to the special session.

Gaoteote then announced the new schedule for confirmation hearings, with the LBJ board at 8 a.m. today, followed 30-minutes later with the Board of Higher Education and at 9 a.m. the ASG Employees Retirement Board.

LBJ board nominees are subject to Senate confirmation only. And only two members are being nominated because the terms of the other members have not expired yet.

The new nominee is the governor's executive assistant, Iulogologo Joseph Pereira, who replaces previous board member Filifa'atali Michael Fuiava, currently the Agriculture Department director. The governor has renominated Rep. Faimealelei Anthony Allen for another term.

Then on Thursday, only two Senate confirmation hearings are scheduled, the Scholarship Board and Board of Professional Surveyors — are also subject to Senate confirmation only.

With these changes made, Gaoteote said the special session is now scheduled to end tomorrow.

He added that the House has completed its confirmation process for all boards submitted by the governor, but is awaiting the outcome of the Senate's decision before closing the special session.

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Front row, standing on stage at Veterans Memorial Stadium during the raising of the United States and American Samoa flags at Monday's 2017 Flag Day ceremony. [l-r] Catholic Deacon Malaki A. Timu o le the Holy Family Parish Fatuoaiga, Chief Justice Michael Kruse and Masiofo Filifilia Tamasese with Samoa Head of State Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi, who delivered the Flag Day keynote speech. [photo: AF]



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President Donald Trump, GOP face referendum in Georgia; Dems aim for upset



The post election dominoes of President Donald Trump's administration picks and a California Democratic appointment have created five openings in the U.S. House of Representatives, including in the 6th Congressional District in suburban Atlanta. Eighteen candidates, including the ones seen in this compilation of campaign advertisements, are running in a special election on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. Democrats believe they have a shot, based on Trump's underperformance and the early fundraising success of Jon Ossoff.

(AP Photo/Alex Sanz)

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (AP) — Republicans are bidding to prevent a major upset in a conservative Georgia congressional district where Democrats stoked by opposition to President Donald Trump have rallied behind a candidate who has raised a shocking amount of money for a special election.

Tuesday's jungle-style primary lumps all 18 candidates on one ballot and is expected to be more competitive than Republicans' single-digit vic-

tory in Kansas last week that also tested both parties' strategies for the 2018 midterm elections with Trump in the White House.

Trump underperformed other Republicans in the suburban Atlanta district, an affluent, well-educated swath filled with the kind of voters Democrats need if they hope to reclaim a House majority next year.

Republicans essentially concede that Democrat Jon Ossoff,

a former congressional staffer, will lead Tuesday's voting. That leaves 11 Republican candidates hoping the 30-year-old investigative filmmaker fails to reach a majority. If he doesn't, Ossoff and the top GOP vote-getter would meet in a June 20

runoff. Five Democrats will appear on the ballot, but Ossoff is the GOP's greatest threat. He raised more than \$8.3 million, most of it from outside the district. Two independent candidates also are running. The winner will succeed Tom Price, who resigned to become Trump's health secretary.

Ossoff has enough momentum to draw attention from Trump himself. The president took to Twitter on Monday to blast the "super liberal" Democrat in the contest without naming names. He said the "super liberal" Democrat "wants to protect criminals, allow illegal immigration and raise taxes!" Trump, Ossoff answered in a statement, is "misinformed."

Both major parties have dispatched paid field staffers. Republican groups are running a blitz of ads trying to tie Ossoff to House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi; a political action committee backed by House Speaker Ryan has spent more than \$2 million.

Karen Handel, Georgia's former secretary of state, has led the Republican field. Technology executive Bob Gray; and two former state senators, Dan Moody and Judson Hill — are polling closest to Handel in a fight for the No. 2 spot.

The GOP scramble has been intense, with GOP rivals

accusing Handel of being a political opportunist and the conservative Club for Growth spending six figures on ads to defeat her.

National Republicans say any of the four competitive GOP candidates could defeat Ossoff in a second round of voting. GOP voters, they predict, would be energized in a Republican vs. Democrat scenario, making it harder for Ossoff to run above the fray as he has leading up to the primary.

Ossoff has tried to walk a line between liberals looking for a chance to oppose Trump and Republicans who couldn't support him in November. Ossoff pledges to fight Trump when he "embarrasses" the country. But he tells voters in one ad, "I'll work with anybody in Washington who respects your tax dollars."

Handel is among the Republican candidates trying to maintain some distance from Trump, rarely discussing him unless asked. Gray has instead tried to portray himself as a "willing partner" for the president. Other Republican candidates, though, have questioned whether Gray always backed Trump or is simply strategizing a path to a runoff election.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Turkey's president Erdogan fulfills ambition, but at a cost



Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, delivers a speech during a rally of supporters a day after the referendum, outside the Presidential Palace, in Ankara, Turkey, Monday, April 17, 2017. Turkey's main opposition party urged the country's electoral board Monday to cancel the results of a landmark referendum that granted sweeping new powers to Erdogan, citing what it called substantial voting irregularities. (AP Photo/Burhan Ozbilici)

ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has finally fulfilled his long-held ambition to expand his powers after Sunday's referendum handed him the reins of his country's governance. But success did not come without a cost.

His victory leaves the nation deeply divided and facing increasing tension with former allies abroad, while international monitors and opposition parties have reported numerous voting irregularities.

An unofficial tally carried by the country's state-run news agency gave Erdogan's "yes" vote a narrow win, with 51.4 percent approving a series of constitutional changes converting Turkey's political system from a parliamentary to a presidential one. Critics argue the reforms will hand extensive power to a man with an increasingly autocratic bent, leaving few checks and balances in place.

Opposition parties called for the vote to be annulled because of a series of irregularities, particularly an electoral board decision to accept ballots that did not bear official stamps, as required by Turkish law. Monitors from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, who also listed numerous irregularities, said the move undermined safeguards against fraud.

The referendum campaign was heavily weighted in favor of the "yes" campaign, with Erdogan drawing on the full powers of the state and government to dominate the airwaves and billboards. The "no" campaign complained of intimidation, detentions and beatings.

In Istanbul, hundreds of "no" supporters demonstrated in the streets on Monday, chanting "thief, murderer, Erdogan" and banging pots and pans.

"We are protesting today because the results announced by the government are not the real ones. Because actually the 'no' we voted won. But the government is announcing it as 'yes' has won," Damla Atalay, a 35-year-old lawyer, said of the voting irregularities.

Erdogan was unfazed by the criticism as he spoke to flag-waving supporters in the Turkish capital, Ankara.

"We have put up a fight against the powerful nations of the world," he said as he arrived

at the airport from Istanbul. "The crusader mentality attacked us abroad. ... We did not succumb. As a nation, we stood strong."

In a speech before a massive crowd at his sprawling presidential palace complex, Erdogan insisted Turkey's referendum was "the most democratic election ... ever seen in any Western country" and admonished the OSCE monitors to "know your place."

The increasing polarization of Turkish society has long worried observers, who note the dangers of deepening societal divisions in a country with a history of political instability.

The referendum was held with a state of emergency still in place, imposed after an attempted coup in July. About 100,000 people have been fired from their jobs in the crackdown that followed on supporters of a U.S.-based Islamic cleric and former Erdogan ally whom the president blamed for the attempted putsch. Tens of thousands have been arrested or imprisoned, including lawmakers, judges, journalists and businessmen.

The Council of Ministers decided Monday to extend the state of emergency, which grants greater powers of detention and arrest to security forces, for a further three months. It had been due to expire April 19. The decision was to be sent to parliament for approval.

"The way (Erdogan) has closed the door on the opposition, there is likely to be increased political unrest," said Howard Eissenstat, associate professor of Middle East history at St. Lawrence University in upstate New York. "Forty-eight percent of the population is being told that their voices don't matter."

There is also the risk of increased international isolation, with Erdogan appealing to patriotic sentiments by casting himself as a champion of a proud Turkish nation that will not be dictated to by foreign powers in general, and the European Union in particular.

Turkey has been an EU candidate for decades, but its accession efforts have been all but moribund for several years.

"They have made us wait at the gates of the European Union for 54 years," Erdogan told his supporters at the presidential

palace. "We can conduct a vote of confidence on this as well. Would we? What did England do — they did Brexit, right?"

"Either they will hold their promises to Turkey or they'll have to bear the consequences," he added.

Erdogan has also vowed to consider reinstating the death penalty — a move that would all but end prospects of EU membership. But, he insisted, other nations' opinions on the issue are irrelevant to him.

"Our concern is not what George or Hans or Helga says.

Our concern is what Hatice, Ayse, Fatma, Ahmet, Mehmet, Hasan, Hüseyin says," he thundered as the crowd of supporters chanted for the return of capital punishment. "What Allah says. That's why our parliament will make this decision."

Both Germany and France expressed concern about possible election irregularities and called on Erdogan to engage in dialogue with the opposition.

"The narrow result of the vote shows how deeply split the Turkish society is," German Chancellor Angela Merkel and

Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel said in a joint statement. "This implies a big responsibility for the Turkish government and President Erdogan personally."

President Donald Trump, meanwhile, ignored the concerns about voting irregularities and congratulated Erdogan on his referendum victory. The two leaders also discussed Turkey's support of the U.S. response to a Syrian chemical weapons attack and efforts to counter the Islamic State group, according to the White House statement on their phone call Monday.



American Samoa Government
OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP No: RFP-055-2017
Issuance Date: April 18, 2017

Date & Time Due: May 4, 2017
No later than 2:00 p.m. local time

The American Samoa Government (ASG) issues a Request For Proposals (RFP) from qualified firms to provide:

"Installation of New Data/Fiber Optic Cabling, Switches and Wireless Access Points for ASDOE Erate Program"

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Original and five copies of the Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: "Installation of New Data/Fiber Optic Cabling, Switches and Wireless Points for ASDOE Erate Program" Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), May 4, 2017:

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attn: Dr. Oreta Mapu Crichton, CPO

Any proposal received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Late submissions will not be opened or considered and will be determined as being non-responsive.

DOCUMENT

The RFP Scope of Work outlining the proposal requirements is available at the Office of Procurement, Tafuna, American Samoa, during normal working hours.

REVIEW

Request for Proposal data will be thoroughly reviewed by an appointed Source Evaluation Board under the auspices of the Chief Procurement Officer, Office of Procurement, ASG.

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DR. ORETA MAPU CRICHTON
Chief Procurement Officer

Greenpeace USA 2017: Ranks Tri Marine 4th in the green category

RANKING FOCUSES ON RESPONSIBLY-CAUGHT TUNA PRODUCTS

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

With the closure of Tri Marine International's cannery operation in American Samoa, a global environmental group has called on the Washington state-based company to use its clout to ensure that more responsibly-caught tuna replaces destructive tuna currently lining supermarket shelves across the U.S.

Greenpeace USA made the call yesterday in releasing its second-ever canned tuna ranking, which placed Tri Marine's product Ocean Naturals at 4th place, while criticizing the nation's three largest US brands — Chicken of the Sea, Bumble Bee, and StarKist — of continuing to hold the industry back from the sweeping changes that are desperately needed.

According to Greenpeace USA the tuna ranking evaluated the sourcing policies and practices of 20 brands, including whether the fishing method used to catch their tuna harms other marine life, whether they avoid shark finning, and whether they can trace their products back to the sea.

In this year's ranking, Whole Foods joined Wild Planet, American Tuna, and Tri Marine in the green category, identified as the best choices for American consumers, according to Greenpeace

USA in a news release, which was sent out last Friday but was embargoed until yesterday morning.

Specific details of Greenpeace rating of 20 can tuna products are found on www.greenpeace.org.

STARKIST

Of the 20 canned tuna product ranked by Greenpeace, StarKist "Chunk Light Tuna" was placed last — at the bottom of the list. Greenpeace's verdict says, "Failed again! StarKist continues its trend of ocean destruction."

StarKist corporate spokesperson Michelle Faist said, the company declined to participate in this Greenpeace survey, which StarKist found, after a detailed review, that the "methodology [used] was arbitrary, unscientific, and did not meet basic standards for a credible research instrument."

"In addition, the survey did not appear to be constructed with adherence to any independent protocols or peer review," Faist said yesterday morning responding to Samoa News inquiries. "The metrics used to assess the results are hidden from view and cannot be verified or replicated.

Furthermore, "the survey questions themselves reflect the public policy agenda of the Greenpeace organization, and not those of any other group in



Sau Ia Bodybuilding Inc hosted a two day event last week featuring the World's strongest bodybuilder Stan "The Rhino" Efferding with his wife Malia Efferding who is Samoan. The pair was able to visit high schools and talk about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle through bodybuilding also at the two-day event that was held at the Lee Auditorium in Utulei.

[Photo: Ese Malala]

the scientific and fisheries management communities—groups with actual standing and expertise in these issues."

Faist notes that the Interna-

tional Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF) brings together the world's leading authorities in fisheries management, including scientists, environmentalists, and industry specialists — all of whom devote considerable resources and focused study to ensure the very best practices for protecting tuna stocks and reducing bycatch of non-target species.

"Yet Greenpeace has consistently refused a longstanding invitation to take part in that collaborative effort or to acknowledge in any way the contribution of the ISSF to the sustainability of the global tuna fisheries," she said.

"StarKist and its employees are committed to leading the global seafood category by providing great-tasting and healthy products that meet the needs of today's consumers and customers, while remaining committed to responsible practices," she said. "We will continue with that commitment."

Greenpeace notes, among other things that StarKist product labels provide no information about the tuna inside cans. Additionally, StarKist is not transparent about the origins of its tuna and refused, yet again, to provide Greenpeace with meaningful information about its operations.

StarKist — owned by global seafood giant, Dongwon — has

the largest market share of any canned tuna brand in the U.S., according to Greenpeace, which notes that this is the second time StarKist scrapped the bottom of the Tuna Guide.

Greenpeace claims that "StarKist's failure to take sustainability seriously is devastating the oceans — all while it continues to sell cheap and dirty tuna nationwide. It is not only the lowest-ranked brand, but along with other failing brands, it's dragging down the industry."

"StarKist must work to ensure healthy oceans, or the day may come when Charlie the Tuna is no more," it says.

TRI MARINE

For Tri Marine, Greenpeace USA's verdict shows that the company "provides responsibly-caught tuna" It says, among other things, that Ocean Naturals product labels provide information about the fishing method that helps customers ensure they are making a better choice.

Additionally, Ocean Naturals' website provides customers clear information about the sustainability of its products. Furthermore, Tri Marine has a public commitment against destructive practices like shark finning and reflects this commitment by offering pole and troll caught albacore tuna.

However, Tri Marine "needs to be more clear about how it

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ASCC students who will take part in this year's Literary Night take a break from rehearsals. Literary Night, with this year's theme of "Unity Through Literature," will take place this Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. Admission is free and the public is welcome. [Photo: J. Kneubuhl]

Greenpeace USA 2017...

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ensures social responsibility in its supply chains," according to Greenpeace, which also says that Tri Marine — one of the largest tuna traders in the world — introduced a few years ago Ocean Naturals product that offered a clear alternative to destructive national brands.

"The closing of Tri Marine's American Samoa processing plant leaves questions about the future and direction of Ocean Naturals," said Greenpeace. "Tri Marine must continue to help lead the industry in the right direction and use its clout to ensure that more responsibly-caught tuna replaces destructive tuna lining supermarket shelves."

Last December, Tri Marine closed its Samoa Tuna Processors Inc., cannery operation, laying off some 700 workers.

Tri Marine didn't immediately respond to Samoa News questions and a request for comments.

OTHER INFORMATION

The top can tuna product, tying at first place is 'Wild Planet', which is found in stores nationwide, and 'American Tuna', a San Diego-based company founded by six pole and line fishing families.

For the nation's three largest tuna brands — Chicken of the Sea, Bumble Bee Seafoods, and StarKist — they "failed yet again, and have shown little improvement to their policies and practices," said Greenpeace

USA. Chicken of the Sea, owned by global seafood giant Thai Union, was ranked the highest of the three US brands for its policy positions on sustainability and human rights, but the company must do more to show its suppliers are meeting those requirements, according to Greenpeace USA.

"It's no secret that the big three tuna brands in the U.S. are holding the rest of the industry back from the transformative change we need," said Greenpeace USA Oceans Campaigner David Pinsky. "It's unfortunate that tuna giants like Chicken of the Sea continue to talk a good game on sustainability and human rights, yet have not made the changes needed to shift a destructive industry."

Samoa News wasn't able to obtain at press time statements from Chicken of the Sea and Bumble Bee.

Last Thursday, Bumble Bee announced that it has signed an agreement with Pacifical to purchase and promote MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) certified tuna coming from eight member countries of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA).

Bumble Bee president and CEO Chris Lischewski said that about 25% of the global catch of tuna comes from this region and "we're proud to partner with Pacifical to raise additional awareness of their commitment to social accountability, food safety and traceability."

ASCC Language & Literature Dept. to host Literary Night

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

The Language & Literature Department at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) will host its annual Literary Night this coming Thursday, April 20, at 6 p.m. in the College's Lecture Hall.

This free event is open to anyone who enjoys seeing the many forms of classic and contemporary literature interpreted through the medium of live performance by ASCC students. The evening of diverse expression will include poetry, dramatic monologue, original speech, song and video production.

"Our theme this year is 'Unity Through Literature,' a theme we've chosen in response to much of the contention and division that we see happening off-island," said Language & Literature chairperson Mrs. Melelina Fiaui.

"A lot of the news lately covers political and racial intolerance, and we wanted to focus on how people are more alike than different.

Regardless of our backgrounds, our income, beliefs, cultures, etc. most people share common values and

hopes. We see this in literature and in music and that is why the spoken and written word resonates so deeply with people — they read something, or hear a song and think, 'Yes, I know exactly what that person is talking about! I've felt that way too,'" she said.

As with most ASCC events involving students, the Literary Night has its own strong learning component.

"This event fulfills the department mission of our students having the opportunity to examine cultures, issues and themes in multiple genres and demonstrate critical thinking through literary analysis," said Fiaui.

"In order to perform a published piece, students need to find a thematically applicable piece, and also look critically at the tone, word choice, character, setting, and figurative language, and ultimately decide what the piece means to them.

This night provides a way for students to see and experience literature in a different light. Instead of reading something on a page, they are performing it, which allows students to apply their unique interpretation to literature," she

explained.

The Languages & Literature chairperson noted that the evening's theme aligns with the concerns of a poem by New Zealand-based Samoan writer and educator Selina Tusitala Marsh titled "Unity," which Marsh performed this year in England to an audience that included Queen Elizabeth.

"For this year's Literary Night, students had to specifically select pieces that spoke to unity; pieces that promoted tolerance, acceptance, and compassion," said Fiaui. "They then went through an audition process for department faculty and we chose the most appropriate performers for each category. We will also have the cast from the Fine Arts Department's 'In the Heights' perform a few musical numbers from the forthcoming play."

The Literary Night chairs this year are Mrs. Jocelyn Siologa and Mr. Ben Goodwin, and Mrs. Fiaui will serve as the evening's emcee.

For more information on the ASCC Literary Night, contact the Language & Literature Department by calling 699-9155 and asking for extension 320.

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E! Le to'elau ua tō fa'ata'uta'u, se tala fa'avauvau mai nu'u mamao, Vā i vasa, Vā i moana. Aue! Ua pā mai le alaga!

Samoa e, si au tama fanau, sa tū i matagi olo, tū to'oto'o i le Laumua ole Malō tele o Meleke, lau Lupe fa'alele, Atunu'u, Pasefika, ma le Kolope, a'o aiga fo'i, Toa o Samoa, ma Fatafaitaulaga ese'ese.

O ou Sā ma Faigā sautuafafafa Samoa, nu'unu'u atu fa'atini o Tausala. Faigamālō na lua, tofiga ma tiute, o ou mamalu le avea. Le tala lelei, Ao o Fa'alupega, ma'ave ese'ese, paia tau i le lagi.

Tulou, Tulou, Tulouna lava...

Ae ua lāgā se leo, vaivai ma le fa'atauva'a, Hinanui Bambridge Cave le tinā ma si a'u fanau ma o latou aiga, Temanuata Tuilua'ai (Mike Siufanua Laussen), Taulaitufanuaima'atamāli'i (Kolotau), Ra'imana Nifae (Malia), Vaimoana, ma Leonne Liaina (Taufui-e-valu).

Tala a le Tusi Sā, "Ua taumasuasua la'u ipu." A'o sa'afiafiaga ale sūla toga, "Saō fa'alalelei, ua ula le ao nei, ua mālō le fai aiga lelei, ua tou le tu'ua lava ni lelei, ae aumai ni masei."

Fa'afetai, Fa'afetai, Fa'afetai tele lava...

Tamā ma Tinā, Ao sinasina o le atunu'u, fa'afetai fautua, alofa, talisapaia, a'o tautua i le tofi. Aiga, uo, ma aumea mamae, ua logo i tino matagi lelei, logona i le fatu, le Alofa moni.

Toa o Samoa, pōuliuli tino, ae māmamalama outou ala.

Leone, Vailoa, Taputimu, Aua, Manu'a, Solosolo, Lotofaga, o le tagata ma lona faasinomaga, a'o le Samoa ma lona tupuaga. Ekalesia, fatafaitaulaga e fia, puna pea le Vai o le Ola, auā le soifua fa'aleagaga.

Le Afioga i le Maluolefale o le Alataua Fai'ivae Luli Godinet, ma le faletua, Ilaisa Alo Steffany, aiga ma le nofo a alo, ua le tasi, ae ua lasilasi, le alofa tula'i, le a'ao māfola, le galoimoe, le galoiola. Le Tofā Fa'auaā Kataferu Elisara ma le tausi, Katalina Timu Elisara, ae maise le tinā matua, Maluapapa Elisara Lemalu, aiga ma fanau, ua mālō le fai ole faiva, fa'afetai le tausi ma le fa'aeaea i lau tama fanau.

Ia Alofa le Tamā o i le Lagi, sasa'a fa'aua fa'amanuiaga, ae ola a'u ma si o ma'ua Aiga, e le galo oe Samoa i le agaga ma le mafaufau.

Soifua,

Hinanui ma le fanau



My children, grandchildren, and I express our deepest love and gratitude to the people of American Samoa for trusting Eni as an elected official for 4 years as lieutenant governor and 26 years as a member of the U. S. House of Representatives. In all, he spent 40 years of his life in public service because of his love and passion for American Samoa, the Pacific islands, and mankind in general. Thank you! Thank you for your endless support and especially your prayers and fasting on his behalf during his service, and especially during his time of illness.

We thank all the government, traditional, and ecclesiastical leaders who inspired Eni to fulfill his duties in his different capacities. He felt it his greatest honor to serve in the military and to serve constituents throughout the world. We are very grateful to all who worked tirelessly alongside Eni both in D.C. and his local office making it possible for him to answer his constituents' needs and concerns. We will always consider American Samoa our home and look forward to returning soon. May our Heavenly Father pour out His blessings upon you and your families, and our beautiful territory of American Samoa.

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I le fa'aaau ai pea o le polokalame a le afioga i le ali'i kovana ia Lolo Matalasi Moliga ma lana faigamalo, o le tufa fua lea o pepa taumafa e ta'i \$5 mo le atunu'u atoa sa autova'a atu e maimoa ma auai i sauniga o le fu'a sa faia i le malae taalo i Tafuna, na taua ai e le to'atele o matua lagona fiafia ma le fa'afetaia o le faigamalo, ina ua a'e se tofa e fesoasoani i le atunu'u i lea auunaga taua.

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Na savavali le susuga a Tufele ma lona faletua i le savali a le kamupani i'a a le StarKist Samoa, ae o nai o la alo sa maua le avanoa e matamata atu ai i lalo o faleie sa tapena e le malo, e fa'atalitali atu ai le taimi e mae'a ai le solo o savali.

E le gata i le to'atele o matua sa latou fa'aalia le lagona lava lea e tasi, ae na oo lava fo'i i fanau aoga sa latou fa'aalia o latou lagona fiafia ina ua maua le avanoa e maua fua ai le ipu meaai e \$5 mo le aso o le fu'a.

I tulaga o pisinisi ma fale'aiga, na fa'aalia e le susuga ia Viliamu Unasa, o se tasi o ali'i sa fa'atau lana fale'aiga o taumafa i totonu o le malae taalo le faigofie o le polokalame ua tele tausaga o fa'agasolo mai e le malo, o le tufa fua lea o pepa taumafa i le atunu'u mo a latou meaai.

"Talu lava ona amata mai le polokalame lenei a le ali'i kovana ia Lolo ma lana faigamalo, e le o misi lava la maua fale'aiga i totonu o le malae

taalo, ae o le itu e sili atu ai le faigofie o lea suiga, e le tau alu ai se taimi e tau fai ni sui mo tagata fa'atau, ae na o le aumai lava o le pepa taumafa e \$5 ma tuu i totonu o le pusa ae tu'u atu le ipu meaai ma le faguvaia le tagata fa'atau. O le isi fo'i tulaga lelei, o le to'atele o tagata ua le toe filifili poo fea le fale'aiga e tatau ona fa'atau ai, ae ua fa'atau soo se fale'aiga", o le saunoaga lea a Unasa.

E to'alua isi tagata faipisinisi fale'aiga sa la fa'aalia o laua lagona le fiafia i le auala sa fa'atautaia ai e le Ofisa o loo Pulea le Malae Taalo i Tafuna, i le ave o le latou fa'amuamua i tagata faipisinisi latou te masani e maua ai avanoa e fa'atau ai a latou oloa i le taimi o le fu'a, ae misi ai avanoa mo i latou ua leva ona tu'u atu tusi talosaga.

Na taua e tagata faipisinisi ia e to'alua i le Samoa News e fa'apea, o le tali muamua sa tu'u atu ia tei laua e le Ofisa, e toe logo atu i laua i le nofoaga e fa'atutu ai a la faleie i totonu o le malae, peita'i i le vaiaso na sosoo ma le vaiaso o le fu'a na toe logo ai laua ua leai se avanoa ona ua tumu le lisi.

Ina ua fesiligia le afioga i le ali'i Fa'atonusili o le Ofisa ia Toleafoa Henry Tavake e tusa ai o lea fa'asea, na teena ai e le ali'i Fa'atonusili tu'uaiga e pei ona taua.

Saunoa Toleafoa e fa'apea, o tagata faipisinisi uma lava sa maua avanoa e fa'atau ai a latou fale'aiga i le aso o le fu'a, o i latou ia sa muamua tu'uina atu a latou talosaga, ae lei faia i se masani poo ni isi lava auala le filifiliga o i latou e tu'u atu i ai le avanoa.

E ese mai i tulaga o lagona fa'aalia o le atunu'u lautele e tusa ai o le fa'agasoloina o polokalame o le fu'a, o le taeao fo'i ananafi na fa'aleo ai e le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Vailoata Eteuati Amituana'i sona lagona fa'anoanoa i luma o le maota o sui, i le tulaga sa i ai le fa'atulagaina o nofoa mo valaaulia fa'apea ai ta'ita'i o le atunu'u i luga o le vaega sa fa'amautu uma i ai ta'ita'i ma malo valaaulia.

Saunoa Vailoata e fa'apea, e taunu'u atu le to'atele o Faipule ua leai ma ni nofoa e alala ai, ona fa'asino solo lea e le aufaigaluega sa gafa ma le fa'asinoina o nofoa isi vaega o le fale e alala ai Faipule, ae i lona taofi, sa tatau ona aloaia fo'i nofoa mo sui o le Fono, o i latou fo'i o isi ta'ita'i o le atunu'u, ma e ui ua mae'a sauniga o le fu'a mo lenei tausaga, ae o le agaga o lana fautuaga, ia aoga mo isi sauniga o le fu'a i le lumana'i.

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Se vaaiga i fanau laiti sa fai lo latou sao i le taimi o le solo o savali fa'aaloalo o le fu'a a le atunu'u, lea na fa'amanatuina i le aso Gafua na te'a nei.

[ata AF]

Fesiligia pea e ni isi Senatoa le mafua'aga o le Fono Fa'apitoa

tusia Ausage Fausia

O tulaga fa'aletonu e pei ona maitauina i le taimi o iloiloga a ni isi o Komiti a le maota maualuga i le taeao ananafi, ina ua le atoatoa atu molimau sa tatau ona oo atu mo le iloiloina o tofiga a le afioga i le ali'i kovana ia Lolo Matalasi Moliga, e pei ona filifilia ai i latou e ave ma totino o ni isi o Komiti Fa'afaoe a Ofisa o le malo, na mafua ai loa ona fesiligia e ni isi o Senatoa le mafua'aga o ia fa'aletonu, atonu e mafua mai i le toe valaau fua o lenei fono fa'apitoa.

O le taimi o le iloiloga a le Komiti o Mataupu Tau Tula-fono a le maota maualuga e fesiligia ai sui o le Komiti Fa'afaoe a le Ofisa o Femalagaiga, na maitauina ai le le atoa atu o totino o le Komiti, ina ua fa'atasi atu na o totino e to'afa, mulimuli ane fa'atoaa oo atu le isi sui e to'atasi e atoa i ai totino e to'alima a le komiti o loo i ai i le atunu'u, ae o isi sui e to'alua o loo malaga i fafo.

Na toe fa'aauau lea lava fa'aletonu ina ua valaau le iloiloga e fa'amaonia ai sui o le Komiti Fua Fanua sa tofia e le kovana, ae uma ane e na o le to'atasi le sui o lea komiti na oo atu, ae tusa ai o ripoti sa maua e ni isi o sui o le komiti a le senate, o le fa'aletonu i fesootaiga le mafua'aga o le le atoatoa atu o molimau i le taimi o le iloiloga.

I le iloiloga a le Komiti Fua-

fanuaa le malo, e na o le afioga ia Taulapapa Willie Sword na oo atu i le iloiloga, o le mafua'aga lea na fa'atula'i ai e le afioga i le ali'i senatoa ia Tuoalo M. Fruean le mau ina ia toe taoto le iloiloga seia aulia le aso Faraile.

Na fa'aailoa e Tuoalo i luma o le komiti le isi sui o le Komiti Fa'afaoe Fuafanua sa valaau atu ia te ia i le taeao ananafi, ma fa'aailoa atu lona fa'atoa maua o le telefoni mai le ofisa o le Kovana i le taeao lava ananafi e fa'atatau i le iloiloga, i le taimi na usu mai ai e faigaluega, ma ua faigata ai ona toe alu i lona fale i Pava'ia'i e toe sui mai ona laei mo le iloiloga.

"O le fa'afitauli la lea o loo tupu, e le ona o lea ua valaau le fono fa'apitoa, ae foliga mai e to'atele naua tagata faigaluega o loo i luga ae leai ma se isi o fai sana galuega, e tatau ona logo vave le ofisa o le kovana e tusa ai o iloiloga e pei ona talosagaina, ina ia tusa ai ma tulafono o loo lima ta'ita'iina ai galuega fa'atino a le maota", o le saunoaga lea a Tuoalo.

Saunoa le afioga i le ali'i senatoa ia Tuiagamoa Tavai e fa'apea, e i ai lona talitonuga ua mafua ona fa'aletonu le oo atu o molimau, ona o lea sa latou fa'afofoga ua tofia uma iloiloga a le maota maualuga seia aulia le masina o Iulai o le tausaga nei, pe afai ae toe a'e mai le fono i lana tauaofia lona lua o lenei nofoaiga,

ae ona la o lea ua toe nofoia galuega a le fono, atonu o le mafua'aga lea o le le oo atu o isi molimau, ona ai ua malaga i latou i fafo, poo tuatuaiga fo'i i ni galuega masani.

Na fa'ateia le maota ina ua si'isi'i i luga le si'ufofoga o le afioga i le ali'i senatoa matua ia Muagututia Tauoa ma ia fa'aleo lona le fiafia i tulaga fa'aletonu ia ua maitauina i iloiloga a komiti a le maota.

"E le matagofie i lo'u tagata matua le tulaga lea ua tula'i mai, ailoga o silafia e le ali'i kovana tulaga fa'aletonu e pei ona tula'i mai, o la'u la fautuaga, ave se tusi i le kovana e fa'aailoa i ai tagata sa ia tofia e le o oo mai i luma o le maota mo iloiloga, e foliga mai ua latou le amanaiaina le Fono, ae o le Fono lenei a le atunu'u, o lea fo'i sa tula'i mai i le iloiloga a le Komiti o Femalagaiga na muamua atu, i le le atoatoa mai o molimau i le taimi o le iloiloga, ae sili ona fa'aailoa i le kovana tulaga fa'aletonu nei, ina ia silafia ai e le ta'ita'i o le atunu'u e le o amanaia e i latou sa ia tofia le Fono a le atunu'u, e le o se maota lenei o tamaiti e le fia sau lava lea molimau ua le sau, ua tupu soo lenei fa'afitauli, lona uiga afai e le tofia i le taimi nei e oo mai lava le iuga o le lalolagi o loo tupu pea", o le saunoaga lea a Muagututia na lagolagoina e Alo Fa'auuga ma Satele Galu Satele, i le manatu mama o

molimau i tofiga a le kovana atoa ai ma le va nonofo ma le Fono a le atunu'u.

Na fa'amanino e le afioga i le ali'i peresetene o le Senate ia Gaoteote Palaie Tofau e fa'apea, e ui ua mae'a ona faia le fa'aiuga a le maota maualuga e tolopo ai le faia o ana iloiloga mo tofiga a le ali'i kovana, seia aulia le masina o Iulai o le tausaga nei pe afai e toe a'e mai galuega a le Fono, e le mafai ai ona tofia le kovana mai lona fa'aogaina o lona malosi i lalo o le Tulafono, na te valaauina ai le Fono Fa'apitoa pe afai na te silafia o loo i ai ni mataupu e tatau ona fa'amae'a ma talanoaina.

E pei ona manino i le fa'aaliga sa tu'uina atu e le afioga i le ali'i kovana i ta'ita'i o le fono, o lana ulua'i fono fa'apitoa e pei ona valaauina i le nofoaiga lona 35 lenei a le Fono Faitulafono, e amata i le aso 18 Aperila mo le umi e le silia i le 5 aso, mo le fa'apasiaina o totino o Komiti Fa'afaoe a Ofisa eseese a le malo ua ia tofiaina, atoa ai ma le fa'amae'aina o ni isi o galuega a le Fono e mana'omia le fa'amae'aina.

O le kalena fou la a le senate mo ana iloiloga i le vaiaso nei, e aofia ai le iloiloga lea ua fa'atulaga i le itula e 8:00 i le taeao nei mo le fa'amaoniaina o sui o le Komiti Fa'afaoe o le Falema'i, sosoo ai loa ma le iloiloga a le Komiti o Sikola-

sipi i le itula e 9:00, ae fa'ai'u i le iloiloga o le Komiti o le Litaea i le itula e 9:30 i le taeao lava a taeao.

O le aso Tofi lea ua fa'atulaga e fesiligia ai sui o le Komiti Faafaoe o Fua Fanua a le malo i le itula e 8:00, sosoo ai atu ai ma le iloiloga a le Komiti o Aoga Maualuluga i le itula e 9:00 i le taeao lava.

ILOILOGA KOMITI FA'AFOE AOGA MAUALULUGA

O le iloiloga a le Komiti o Aoga a le maota o sui i le vaiaso na tea nei, i lalo o le ta'ita'iag a le afioga i le ta'ita'i komiti ia Vaetasi Tuumolimoli Sane Moliga, ma totino o le Komiti Fa'afaoe o Aoga Maualuluga na tofia e le kovana i le vaiaso na te'a nei, na fautuaina ai e ni isi o faipule sui o le Komiti ina ia silasila toto'a i le fa'afitauli o loo tula'i mai

E 12-0 le palota na pasia ai e le maota o sui sui e to'afa o le Komiti o Aoga Maualuluga na tofia e le Kovana, ina ua mae'a le iloiloga e fesiligia ai o latou agava'a, lea sa fa'atautaia e le Komiti o Aoga sa taitaia e le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Vaetasi Tuumolimoli Saena Moliga.

O sui o le Komiti o Aoga Maualuluga ua pasia e aofia ai Moseniolo Viane Etuale, Dr. Annie Fuavai, Tauiliili Lauifi ma Rev. Dr. Siulagi Solomona.



Fautuaina Komiti Femalagaaiga silasila toto'a mataupu tagata mai fafo



Le afioga i le ali'i senatoa ia Fa'amausili Mau Mau Jr lea ua pasia e avea ma totino o le Komiti Fa'afaoe a le Ofisa o Femalagaaiga. [ata AF]

tusia Ausage Fausia

Ua fautuaina e afioga i senatoa totino o le Komiti Fa'afaoe a le Ofisa o Femalagaaiga sa tofia e le ali'i kovana ia Lolo Mata-lasi Moliga, ina ia silasila toto'a i le tulafono o loo fa'amalosia ai le fa'atonutonu lea o le ulufale mai o tagata mai fafo i le atunu'u, aemaise lava i tagata Asia.

Na taua e afioga i Senatoa i totino o le Komiti e to'alima sa iloiloia o latou agava'a i le taeao ananafi e fa'apea, o se tulaga mataga tele le tele o fa'aletonu o loo alia'e mai i le Ofisa o Femalagaaiga atoa ai ma le Komiti Fa'afaoe ua mavae atu, ae o loo i ai tulafono e puipuia ma lima ta'ita'iina ai galuega a le Ofisa ma le Komiti.

A o fa'agasolo ai le ulua'i fonofa'apitoa a le kovana mo le umi e 5 aso i le vaiaso lenei, na pasia ai e le maota maota maualuga totino e to'alima o le Komiti Fa'afaoe o le Ofisa o Femalagaaiga, i le mae'a ai lea o se iloilogaga sa fa'atautaia e le Komiti o Mataupu Tau Tulafono a le maota maualuga, lea na ta'ita'ia e le afioga i le ali'i senatoa ia Tuiagamoa Tavai.

Na fautuaina e le afioga i le ali'i senatoa ia Tuoalo M. Fruean sui o le Komiti Fa'afaoe ina ia silasila toto'a i le fa'afitauli lea ua maitauina i le taimi nei, o le saosaoa lea o le ulufale mai o tagata mai fafo i le atunu'u, aemaise lava i tagata mai Asia.

"E mata'utia le saosaoa o le ulufale mai o tagata Asia nei i le atunu'u, ua ou le malamalama pe fa'apefea ona ofi mai le to'atele ua vaaia i le atunu'u, pau le fautuaga, vaai lo tatou atunu'u ne'i taunu'u ai le tala e fai ia Matu'u ma Faganeanea, e toe poto ane Leaeno ua pe Keg-ikegi, ina ne'i tatou toe tulioso atu ae ua tuai tatou. A tatou le fa'aeteete i le tulaga lea, ua amata ona fanafanau Saina ma Kolea i lo tatou atunu'u, e i ai le taimi e matutua uma ai fanau nei ona uma atu lea o tatou ae talepe e tagata nei le Fa'avae o le atunu'u, aua o lea o le a matua tele la latou palota e maua mai i tagata ua fananau i lo tatou atunu'u, o fautuaga ia e silasila toto'a i ai la outou Komiti", o le fautuaga lea a Tuoalo na lagolagoina e Tuiagamoa.

Saunoa Tuiagamoe e fa'apea,

o le isi fa'afitauli lea ua fai ma tulaga e mataga i le fa'afofoga a le atunu'u, o tagata e poloaina le toe fa'afao'i o latou atunu'u ma tu'u igoa i le Lisi o tagata e fa'asa ona toe ulufale mai, ae oo atu i le isi vaiaso ua toe vaaia fo'i le fealualua'i i totonu o le atunu'u e pei lava e leai se mea na tupu.

"Ua sau soo i le nusipepa tulaga o mataupu fa'apenei, e matua mataga lava i le maitau atu, pei lo tatou atunu'u o se mea ula i le maitau mai a tagata mai fafo, ona o tulaga le fa'amaoni o loo fa'atinoia e ni isi o tagata faigaluega, o le fautuaga i la outou Komiti silasila toto'a i tulaga mataga ia ina ia aua ne'i toe tula'i mai i le lumana'i", o le fautuaga lea a Tuiagamoa.

E ta'i 16-0 palota na pasia ai suafa o Gloria Ausage, Ativalu Tago, Togotogo Sotoa ma Fanene Edda Wybrski, se'i vagana ai le afioga i le ali'i senatoa ia Fa'amausili Mau Mau Jr e 15-1 le palota na pasia ai o ia.

O isi sui e to'alua o le Komiti Fa'afaoe e lei pasia e le maota maualuga e aofia ai le susuga ia Frank Gaisoa ma le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Gafatasi Afalava.

Ae o le vaiaso na te'a nei na pasia ai e le maota o sui suafa e to'afa o le Komiti Fa'afaoe lenei, lea e aofia ai Ausage, Fanene Sotoa ma Tago, ina ua mae'a se iloilogaga sa fesiligia ai e le Komiti a le maota o sui a latou agava'a, lea na ta'ita'ia e le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Toeaina Faufano Autele, ae o isi sui e to'atolu e lei auai i lea iloilogaga e aofia ai le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Gafatasi, o le afioga i le ali'i senatoa ia Fa'amausili ma le susuga ia Gaisoa.

E pei ona manino i ripoti sa tu'uina atu i luma o le Fono Faitulafono i le taeao ananafi, o le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Gafatasi ma le susuga ia Gaisoa o loo malaga i laua i fafo ona o ni isi o tuatuaano'a fa'aleaiga, ma ua fa'amoemoe e toe talii mai i laua i le atunu'u i le vaiaso fou, ae o le taimi lea ua tapunia le fonofa'apitoa o loo nofoia nei.

O le itula e 8:00 i le taeao nei lea ua fa'atulaga e faia ai le iloilogaga a le Komiti o Tulafono a le maota o sui, mo le fa'amaoniaina o le suafa o le afioga i le ali'i senatoa ia Fa'amausili. I le mae'a ai o le

tauaofiaga a le maota o sui i le taeao ananafi, na fulisia ai afioga i faipule e lagolago se fautuaga sa fa'atula'i e le sui fofoga fetalai ia Fetu Fetui Jr, i le mae'a ai lea ona la feutana'i ma le fofoga fetalai ia Savali Talavou Ale, mo se avanoa e fa'aagafua ai tulafono a le maota o sui, ae tu'uina atu suafa o Gafatasi ma Gaisoa e palota mo le faapasaiaina, ina ia fa'a faigofie ai ona fa'ataunu'u galuega a le Komiti Fa'afaoe.

Saunoa Fetui Jr e fa'apea, e le tau fesiligia le tautua a afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Gafatasi i le

silasila a le maota, o se tasi o Tama o le atunu'u ua loa lana tautua i le Fono ma le malo, ua silafia fo'i o ia e le to'atele, ae o le susuga ia Gaisoa, e le fou o ia i le avea ma totino o le Komiti Fa'afaoe o Femalagaaiga.

O le to'atele o faipule na maua le avanoa e tulei saunoa ai i lenei mataupu, sa fa'aalia lo latou lagolagoina o le fautuaga a le sui fofoga fetalai, peita'i na saunoa le afioga i le ali'i faipule ia Veevalu L. Mageo e fa'apea, na pau lona popolega o lo o i ai, ona o Gaisoa le isi sui tuai o le Komiti Fa'afaoe o Femalagaaiga,

ao lea sa manino i ripoti le tele o fa'aletonu sa fetai'a'i ma le Komiti i tausaga ua mavae, i le taumafai lea e fa'aatoa le Kalama e fa'atino ai ana galuega, ina ne'i avea le toesea o Gaisoa ona o gasegase o le tino ma auala e toe fa'aauau ai pea lea fa'afitauli pe a toe pasia o ia.

O le taimi o le tauaofiaga a le maota o sui i le taeao nei lea ua fa'amoemoe e tauaao atu ai loa suafa o Fa'amausili, Gafatasi ma Gaisoa e fai i ai se finagalo o le maota.



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O se vaaiga i tama o le au siva mai Sapunaoa i Samoa fa'afiafia i le sisigafu'a o lenei tausaga i le aso Gafua.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Fe'au mai Pese o le Sisigafu'a 2017 - "Tupulaga mo a Taeao"

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

Ua mae'a sao o Ekalesia tetele e tolu sa tofia mo le tapenaga o Pese ma Siva o le Sisigafu'a 2017 peita'i, sa fa'alologo le mamalu lautele, i se fe'au taua mai pese uma e fa, e aofia ai ma le Pese ma le Siva e tasi ma fe'ausi mai ma le Manusamoa mai Samoa.

Fe'au mo tupulaga ma matua na tapena e le aufailotu, e tasi lava le taula - ia sa'o le va'ai faalogo ma le usita'i i le Atua, e le o mamao le Atua e tulivae i ai i fa'afitauli, ae a mutuai oe e le Agaga ina ua suia lau tausiga fa'atonuga ma le a'oa'oina o lau fanau, ia e faia!

Na amata i le sao o le Ekalesia Fa'apopotoga Kerisiano i Amerika Samoa (EFKAS) na talatala le amataga o le tulaeleele o le Talalelei e pei ona valoia ai e le tama'ita'i logologoa o Nafanua, "Tali i lagi se manuia o lou malo!" Taliagofie ai le to'ai taunuu o le Talalelei i le tausaga e 1830, ma o'o i le galuega fa'aliliu o le Tusi Paia, ua fa'aaogaina nei e Ekalesia uma i le gagana o le so'otaga a le Atua ma tagata Samoa moni.

O pesega ma siva na tapena e le EFKAS sa afua mai i le fa'ato'a to'ai taunu'u o le Talalelei i Samoa atoa se'ia o'o mai ina fa'atuina le a'ai i Kanana Fou o le nu'u sa moemiti i ai Tutuila ma Manu'a e taunu'u.

Na tapena mea uma mo ali'i faife'au, peita'i e ao ina i ai faltetua, ona tapena ai lea ma a'oga mo tama'ita'i ina ia saunia mo le galuega fesoasoani i faife'au mo le tausiga o le Ekalesia i nu'u ma afio'aga o le atu Samoa, ma

isi malo o le atuvasa na tautua ai fa'amisionare faife'au Samoa.

O le toe lu'i mai fo'i lea i le mamalu lautele o le tupulaga talavou, ina ia le motusia le gafa o le Aiga Sa Levi i nei vaitau, ona o le tele o le pote lautele, ma ua tele ai agava'a i nisi matata eseese o le olaga i nei ona po, ae tu'ua ai le galuega a le Atua ua le lava ona misionare e momoli le Upu i nu'u ese.

Fa'afitauli uma o lo'o lutia ai le folauga a tupulaga talavou, ina ua ma'alili le soifua fa'atuatua ma le olaga usita'i ma le fa'alogoa o le fanau, aua ua sasi fo'i matua i lana tofi, "ia mua'i a'oa'o le tama e tusa ma ona ala, e le toe te'a ese ai." O pese uma na faia ai le siva ma le sao o le EFKAS, sa toe fa'alogoa ai i pese a le LMS mai le amataga, "Le Ekalesia ua gasolo i Malua i le Fono."

I le sao fo'i o le Ekalesia Katoliko, sa fa'apena fo'i, ona latou fa'a'iloa maia, "Ia manatua talavou i lona Atua, o le puna o manuia uma lava, ma e iloga lava fo'i le lala o lo'o mautu i le vine, e fua maia fua lelei."

Fe'au fo'i sa tapena mai e le Ekalesia Metotisi, ua fa'apea lava ona fa'a'iloa mai le fanau talavou, le lumana'i o aiga, auu ma Ekalesia ae tainane fo'i le malo, e ao ina mua'i saili le Malo o le Atua ma le amiotonu i mea uma, fa'amaoni i galuega ma tiute, ae silisili, ia teuteu lau Ipu, ia ta'uleleia. Afai fo'i ae ta'ulelagaina, ia salamo ma toe tomaat le upega fagota, toe fuata'ina le olaga, aua o lo'o fa'atali mai lava Ieova, e fa'amagaloina agasala uma lava. Pe'ita'i mo le malo ma lona

Taiulu i le taimi nei, sa ia fa'a'iloa mai ai se fe'au, "O lo'o to'atele i latou o lo'o faia tala o le afioga le Kovana ma lana faigamalo, ae le mafai ona ia ta'ua maia, ae vala'au atu se'i talatalanoa, ona fa'ato'a momoli mai ai le lisi, ae tatau ona totogi."

Pese na tapena e Sapunaoa, oka se taumafaiga ina ia seki ma le lelei ona aumai. O i tatou iinei, ua tele Kolea e amio fa'aletonu, a'o Samoa e tele Saina ua mae'a ona a'oa'oina lelei, ma ua le toe amid pa'a'a. E fa'atonutonu lelei, ina ia o'o ane i vaitau o fanau o talavou e ta'ita'ia ai i latou, ua matua nofo lelei lava.

Na latou talatala le tala'aga o Amerika Samoa e afua mai i tala atu o le vaeluaina o Samoa ae pulea e malo tetele ina ua mavae le taua lona lua o le lalolagi. "E ui i nei pulega eseese ae tasi lo ta fala, e tasi fo'i lo ta aluga aua e tasi lava lo ta tofi mai le Atua, i la ta gagana."

Ua talosagaina mai ia ave se ave'a'i mo Kalama [Trump], "Ina ia sau e asiasi mai, a faigata ona avatu lea i Samoa sei talanoa i ai e fai sona suafa Matai e tautua ai, pe ta fo'i sana malofie e fa'amau fa'a'iloa ai." O le fa'ai'uga lava o lenei pese, "Sa toe manatua ai Faleomavaega Eni Hunkin i lana tautua tele i ona tagata, atoa ma Samoa fa'apea le atuvasa, ao ia lava o le tama o lenei elelee."

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Notice for Proposed Registration of Matai Title

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 6.0105 of the Revised Code of American Samoa that a claim of succession which has been filed with the Territorial Registrar's office for the registration of the Matai Title LEMAFa of the village of AUNU'U by SEAU SUPPLY of the village of AUNU'U, county of SAOLE, EASTERN District.

THE TERRITORIAL REGISTRAR is satisfied that the claim, petition by the family and certificate of the village chiefs are in proper form.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that anyone so desiring must file his counterclaim, or objection to the registration of this matai title with the Territorial Registrar Office before the expiration of 60 days from the date of posting. If no counterclaim, nor any objection is filed by the expiration of said 60 days, the matai title LEMAFa shall be registered in the name of SEAU SUPPLY in accordance with the laws of American Samoa.

POSTED: APRIL 7, 2017 thru JUNE 5, 2017

SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

Fa'aaliga o le Fa'amauina o se Suafa Matai

O le fa'aaliga leni ua faasalalaina e tusa ma le Maga 6.0105 o le tusi tulafono a Amerika Samoa, e pei ona suia, ona o le talosaga ua faaulufaleina mai i le Ofisa o le Resitara o Amerika Samoa, mo le fia faamauina o le suafa matai o LEMAFa o le nu'u o AUNU'U e SEAU SUPPLY o AUNU'U faalupega o SAOLE, falelima i SASA'E.

Ua taliaina e le Resitara lea talosaga, faatasi ma le talosaga a le aiga faapea ma le tusi faamaonia mai matai o lea nu'u, ma ua i ai nei i teuga pepa a lea ofisa.

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O le vi'iga ma le fa'afetai tatou te fa'afoti atu pea i le Atua, ona o Lona alofa ma Lona agalelei mo i tatou i aso uma o lo tatou ola. Alo maia e faaauau le tatou tala.

Ua fa'asolo pea aso o le olaga, fai mai, ua fa'asolosolo ina matua le teine o Mataniu, ma o se va'aiga fa'afiafia loto i a Lilo ma Loleta le va'ai atu i le tuputupu'e o si a la tama, o se teine e usita'i ma fa'alogo ia i la'ua. Ua toe manuia Loleta, ma ua fanau mai o se tama teine fo'i, ua fa'aigoa fo'i e le lo'omatua o Malia ia Ataataotaulelei. O se igoa ua leva ona mafaufau i ai le lo'omatua, fai mai e le sao se igoa a le aiga o Loleta i le va lea.

Fai mai le tala, o le aso na fanau ai Loleta i lana tama teine lea, o le aso fo'i lea na maliu ai le toeaina o Mose. O lea la ua fa'aigoa nei e Malia i le igoa o le tina o Mose o Ataataotaulelei. O se aso na va'aia ai le loimata maligi i totonu o le aiga o Malia ma si ana fanau. E le gata i lea, ae fa'apea fo'i le nu'u ma le Ekalesia, fa'apea ma le aiga o Mose.

Fai mai le tala, e moni lava e i ai uiga o le toeaina e mana'o ia fai lava le mea o lo'o loto i ai, ae sa i ai suiga lelei i lona soifuaga. O mea uma a le nu'u, e tautala lava Mose, ona o le sua matai o lona aiga na pale ai mo tausaga e tele. Ua maliu Mose, ae ua fa'asolosolo matua le soifuaga o le lo'omatua o Malia, ae fai mai, e le mafai ona galo i le lo'omatua le toeaina, i le la mafutaga.

O le tausaga fo'i lea, na ta'uta'u ai le fa'aipoipoga a Filipina, ae fai mai le tala, ai ina ua mautinoa e le toeaina o Mose, o le a fai le to'alua o si ona afafine, ua malie fo'i i ai lona loto, ae o le lo'omatua

o Malia, fai mai ua mimita le lo'omatua, ina ua o'o ane Filipina ma le ali'i Papalagi o le a la fa'aipoipo.

Fai mai le tala, ina ua o'o ane le ali'i palagi i le aiga o Filipina, e ofo le Palagi i faiga a le lo'omatua o Malia, e mana'o lava le lo'omatua e nofo ane le tama i ona talane. Ae na o le 'ata o le toeaina o Mose ma tilotilo ane i lona afafine. Ua osofia le fiafia o lona loto, ina ua ia mautinoa, ua maua se to'alua lelei mo Filipina, ae paga lea, ua le taulau lona fa'amoemoe, ina ua fa'amuta e le Atua ana galuega, ae e le i va'ai i le aso fiafia o si ona afafine.

Fai mai, o le mea lea na tagi lotulotu ai Filipina, ona sa i ai lava lona fa'amoemoe, o le a aulia e si ona tama lona aso fiafia, peita'i, ua le taulau. Fai mai, na lagona ma iloa uma e tagata le tagi lotulotu a le tama'ita'i i le aso na lagomau ai si ona tama. Tiga lava ona aunagi ane i ai lona uso o Luisa, ae ua le mafai e le teine ona taofiofi ona fa'alogona.

E moni lava le upu, o o tatou manatu, e le o le finagalo lea o le Atua, i si o tatou ola vaivai. O a fo'i mea tatou te fuafuaina, ia o tatou fesili muamua i le Atua, ma o tatou fa'atauanau i Lana tausiga alofa, e taunu'u ai i le manuia a tatou fuafuaga uma.

Ua toe'esea se tasi, ae ua ola mai le tasi, e pei ona i ai le isi afafine o Lilo, lea ua fa'aigoa ia Ataataotaulelei. Fai mai, ua le mafai e Lilo ma Luisa ona taofiofi le teine o Filipina ina ua tu'u ifo le pusa o si ona tama i lona nofoaga tumau.

Sa avea lea ma fa'avaivai loto i lona tina o Malia, peita'i, ua uma ona tu'u atu le fa'amafanafanaga a le Au Faigaluega Paia a le Atua i le lo'omatua, o lea ua loto tele ai Malia. Ae fa'alogo mai le lo'omatua i le tagi aue, ue a lana tama o Filipina, ua avea

lea ma fa'avaivai loto ia te ia, ae sa lalago pea ona fa'alogona i lona manatu, o le i'uga lava lea o i tatou uma, ae ia o tatou tapenapena ma tatou talitonu i le Atua, o ia o lo'o i ai le ola. E faia pea...

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A public meeting to accept verbal and written comments on the PY2017 AAP Draft will be held at the Department of Commerce Conference Room on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Translation into and out of Native Language (Samoan) that is widely spoken will be provided at the meeting. The Community Planning and Development (CPD) Programs of American Samoa complies with 24 CFR & 91.220 (1) and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in the public meeting or to comment on the AAP Draft should contact the HUD CPD Coordinator, Petti Matila at the following address.

Written comments on the Public review draft may be sent to:

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Comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2017. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Petti T. Matila at 633-5155 ext. 226.

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Se tasi o vaaiga sa molimauina e le atunu'u i le taimi o le sauniga o le sisigafu'a i le aso Gafua na te'a nei i le malae taalo i Tafuna, ina ua pau i lalo se tasi o sui o le Vaega o Leoleo Fou a le Matagaluega o Leoleo, ma vaaia ai loa le taumafai atu o isi sui o le latou vaega e fesoasoani i le tama'ita'i sa pau i lalo. [ata AF]

In or out? Trump aides to huddle on climate accord Tuesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's top aides will huddle Tuesday to discuss whether or not the U.S. should remain part of the Paris Climate accord — a global effort to cut down on climate-warming carbon emissions.

Officials will be discussing their options, with the goal of providing a recommendation to the president about the path forward, according to an administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity, despite the president's criticism of the use of anonymous sources.

The non-binding international agreement was forged in Paris in December 2015 and allowed rich and poor countries

to set their own goals to reduce carbon dioxide. It went into effect last November after it was ratified by countries, including the U.S. and China.

Trump's top advisers are currently divided on the issue, with some, including Environmental Protection Agency head Scott Pruitt, eager for the U.S. to leave the deal. "Paris is something that we need to really look at closely, because it's something we need to exit, in my opinion," Pruitt said in an interview with Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends" last week. "It's a bad deal for America. It was an America second, third or fourth kind of approach."

Trump pledged during his

campaign to pull out of the Paris accord, but has wavered on the issue since he won the presidency.

He told the editorial board of The New York Times in an interview last year that he was, "looking at it very closely.... I have an open mind to it. We're going to look very carefully."

Under the agreement, the U.S. pledged to reduce its annual greenhouse gas emissions in 2025 by 26 to 28 percent below 2005 levels, which would be a reduction of about 1.6 billion tons of annual emissions. Besides continuing Obama's efforts to reduce U.S. heat-trapping gases, Trump has two general options.

One option is to pull the United States out of the non-binding agreement, which Obama enacted without U.S. Senate ratification. It typically takes countries four years to pull out of new international treaties, but because Obama enacted the accord as part of the 1992 Rio de Janeiro treaty, Trump could pull out of the older, broader treaty in one year.

Another option is to just do nothing. Trump could publicly badmouth the treaty, but not formally withdraw from it. If the U.S. stays part of the agreement, which 125 nations or groups of nations have already ratified, and fails to reach its goal, technically nothing happens. There is no climate court, no enforcement action.

And because the agreement already went into force, nothing the United States can do — even pulling out — can nullify the accord. It is in effect.

Nonetheless, a withdrawal or public announcement that the U.S. is abandoning its efforts to fight man-made climate change could spark repercussions individually from other nations, said

Nigel Purvis, who was the top U.S. State Department environmental diplomat when George W. Bush pulled out of the 1997 Kyoto climate treaty.

"Any sign that the administration would not be serious will provoke an international reaction that would undermine the administration's foreign policy," said Purvis, an international attorney who served in Democratic and Republican administrations. Other countries, he said, take climate change seriously and could retaliate in trade deals or tariffs or balk on negotiations over international security costs.

Trump has already reversed some of former President Obama's efforts to scale back carbon emissions to try to halt climate change, including restrictions on coal plants and drilling.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer has said the president will make up his mind on the Paris agreement before a summit of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations in Taormina, Italy in late May.



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5 things to know about Tax Day: refunds are up, audits down

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tuesday is Tax Day, that dreaded day when millions of procrastinators rush to fulfill their civic duty by filing state and federal tax returns.

But for most, it's not that bad. Sure, the forms are complicated and yes, there is math. But tax season also generates about \$300 billion in refunds, a significant boost to the U.S. economy.

Five things to know about Tax Day:

MOST GET REFUNDS

The IRS so far has processed 101 million tax returns from individuals and about 80 percent have qualified for refunds. The average refund is \$2,851, an increase of \$53 over last year.

By the end of filing season, the IRS expects to process 150 million returns. That's after millions file for automatic six-month extensions.

CHANCES OF GETTING AUDITED ARE SLIM

The number of people audited by the IRS in 2016 dropped for the sixth straight year, to just over 1 million. That's less than 1 percent of filers.

The last time so few people were audited was 2004. Since then, the U.S. has added about 30 million people.

The IRS blames budget cuts as money for the agency shrank from \$12.2 billion in 2010 to \$11.2 billion last year.

But rich people beware. The higher your income, the more likely you are to be audited. Agents audited 5.8 percent of returns that reported more than \$1 million in income.

RETURNS DOWN, REFUNDS DELAYED

Tax season got off to a slow start because the IRS delayed refunds for more than 40 million low-income families as part of the agency's efforts to fight identity theft.

The delays affected families claiming the earned income tax credit and the additional child tax credit. The tax breaks are geared to benefit the working poor, and many families claim both.

The tax filing season started Jan. 23. But a new law required the IRS to delay tax refunds for people claiming these credits until Feb. 15.

The delay was designed to give the agency more time to screen the returns for fraud. Throughout the tax filing season, the number of tax returns processed by the IRS has been lower than last year.

As of April 7, the IRS

had received 104 million tax returns and processed 101 million. Both numbers are down about 3.5 percent from last year.

PEOPLE ILLEGALLY IN US PAY TAXES

There is a common myth that people in the U.S. illegally don't pay taxes. But data from both the IRS and the Social Security Administration says otherwise.

Yes, some work in the underground economy. But in 2015, the Social Security Administration estimated that immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally paid \$100 billion in Social Security payroll taxes over the previous decade. They paid the taxes even though few will ever be able to collect

benefits.

How does Social Security know when it receives taxes from immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally? One way is by tracking reported wages in which the Social Security number does not match the name the agency has on file.

Some of these are clerical errors or unreported name changes.

But the agency estimates that a majority of the wages come from immigrants who have made-up Social Security numbers or used someone else's.

Also, the IRS has issued more than 20 million Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) to foreigners.

The ITINs are supposed to be used by foreigners who have

some form of U.S. income, and therefore owe U.S. taxes. However, the tax agency believes that many of them are used by people who are working in the U.S. illegally.

TAX DAY ISN'T MUCH OF A DEADLINE IF YOU'RE DUE A REFUND

The IRS doesn't like to talk about it, but penalties for filing late federal tax returns apply only to people who owe money. The penalty is a percentage of what you owe. If you owe nothing, there is no penalty.

But it doesn't make much sense to file late if you are owed a refund. And beware — if you have unpaid taxes, the late fees add up quickly.

The failure-to-file pen-

alty is generally 5 percent of your unpaid tax bill for every month, or part of a month, you are late. It kicks in on April 19. In general, the maximum penalty is 25 percent of your original tax bill.

There also is a penalty for failing to pay your tax bill, separate from the penalty for failing to file at all, but it's much smaller.

That's because the IRS wants you to file a return even if you don't have enough money to pay your bill.

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Business group: China backtracking on market opening

SHANGHAI (AP) — An American business group says China's push to develop its own technology and other industries has "narrowed the space" for foreign companies to compete in its market.

In a report released Tuesday, the American Chamber of Commerce in China urged Beijing to move faster on market-opening pledges.

The report joins mounting complaints that Beijing is hampering or reducing market access despite its public defense of free trade in response to President Donald Trump's call for import restrictions.

Trump hailed the rapport he developed with his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, during a meeting last week in Florida that seemed to ease tensions over China's multibillion-dollar trade surplus with the United States. But neither side has announced policy changes.

The U.S. group cited examples from agriculture to

health care to movies where China limits and might be reducing access as it tries to nurture its own competitors in biotech, electric cars and other fields. The chamber complained in March that the regulatory process for approving foreign farm-related biotech products for use in China was slowing.

"The pace of economic reforms and market opening has been slow and faltering, and industrial policies and related measures designed to support domestic industries and national champions have narrowed the space for future participation in China's economy by foreign companies," the report said.

"With the backdrop of a slowing economy and increasing geopolitical uncertainty, we hope that China will pursue bold reforms to create a more open, market-driven investment environment."

In response, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said that U.S. invest-



In this Oct. 21, 2016 photo, visitors look at a robot capable of writing calligraphy during the World Robot Conference in Beijing. China's push to develop its own technology and other industries has "narrowed the space" for foreign companies to compete in its market, an American business group said Tuesday, April 18, 2017, and it appealed Beijing to carry out market-opening pledges. Foreign companies are especially concerned about government initiatives to develop competitors in electric cars, robotics, biotech and other fields. (AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

ment in China has been increasing significantly, including last year. China is committed to further opening up trade, Lu said, and expects other countries to respond in kind.

"We welcome investment to China," he said. "We will continue to provide more investment opportunities for foreign companies and create

a more favorable environment. ...We also hope other countries can be open to Chinese investments."

Xi and other Chinese leaders have promised market forces and private business will play a bigger role in China's state-dominated economy. But their ambitious plans to develop Chinese technology and manufacturing have prompted warnings that foreign companies might be squeezed out of promising fields. Chinese leaders also say they will increase the ruling Communist Party's control over state-owned companies that dominate banking, telecoms, oil and gas and other major industries.

Xi defended free trade in a January speech at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland that was seen as a rebuke to Trump. Still, trading partners note China is the most-closed major economy, while the United States is among the most open to trade and investment.

Progress on carrying out Chinese market-opening pledges is "slow and uneven" and "China even appears to be moving in the opposite direction in some regards," the American chamber said.

It noted progress in some areas such as expanding foreign access to China's bond market but said it saw little action in most industries.

Despite official pledges, more than 60 percent of companies that responded to a survey have "little or no confidence that the government is committed to opening China's markets further in the next three years," the chamber said. "There is an increasing perception of animosity toward foreign business," it said.

The chamber noted the United States and other countries impose few limits on Chinese companies that are on a global buying spree to acquire technology and companies.

The report appealed to Chinese regulators for changes including the release of more information about court rulings, rejections of license applications, anti-monopoly investigations and customs and tax rules.

It also called for an end to "window guidance," in which regulators issue orders to banks and other companies in private contacts without announcing them.

Foreign companies are especially concerned about government initiatives to develop competitors in electric cars, robotics, biotech and other fields.

Only 10 percent of companies in technology-intensive industries that responded to a survey have an "optimistic viewpoint on the regulatory environment," the American chamber said.

Authorities also are making little progress on promises to scale down steel and other industries where supply exceeds demand, leading to a flood of low-cost Chinese exports that are hurting foreign competitors, the group said. It noted the amount of steel production capacity in use rose last year, while much of the 45 million tons of capacity the government said was closed represented mills that already were idle.

"Unemployment concerns, vested interests and an unclear message from the central leadership have caused these efforts at cutting overcapacity to flounder," the report said.



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Trump order would target high-skilled worker visa program

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is planning to sign an executive order that seeks to make changes to a visa program that brings in high-skilled workers.

Trump is heading Tuesday to Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he plans to sign an order dubbed “Buy American, Hire American,” said administration officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity despite the president’s frequent criticism of the use of anonymous sources.

The officials said the order, which Trump will sign at the headquarters of tool manufacturer Snap-on Inc., would direct the departments of Homeland Security, Justice, Labor and State to propose new rules to prevent immigration fraud and abuse. Those departments would also be asked to offer changes so that H-1B visas are awarded to the “most-skilled or highest-paid applicants.”

The White House said the program is currently undercutting American workers by bringing in cheaper labor and said some tech companies are using it to hire large numbers of workers and drive down wages.

Administration officials said the order also seeks to strengthen requirements that American-made products be used in certain federal construction projects, as well as in various federal transportation grant-funded projects. The officials said the commerce secretary will review how to close loopholes in enforcing the existing rules and provide recommendations to the president.

The order specifically asks the secretary to review waivers of these rules that exist in free-trade agreements. The administration said that if the waivers are not benefiting the United States they will be “renegotiated or revoked.”

During his campaign, Trump said at some points he supported high-skilled visas, then came out against them. At one debate, he called for fully ending the program, saying: “It’s very bad for our workers and it’s unfair for our workers. And we should end it.”

The officials said the changes could be administrative or legislative and could include higher fees for the visas, changing the wage scale for the program or other initiatives.

About 85,000 H-1B visas are distributed annually by lottery. Many go to technology companies, which argue that the United States has a shortage of skilled technology workers.

But critics say the program has been hijacked by staffing companies that use the visas to import foreigners — often from India — who will work for less

than Americans. The staffing companies then sell their services to corporate clients who use them to outsource tech work.

Employers from Walt Disney World to the University of California in San Francisco have laid off their tech employees and replaced them with H-1B visa holders. Adding to the indignity: The U.S. workers are sometimes asked to train their replacements to qualify for severance packages.

On the planned order by Trump, Ronil Hira, a professor in public policy at Howard University and a critic of the H-1B program, said, “It’s better than nothing.” But he added, “It’s

not as aggressive as it needs to be.”

The tech industry has argued that the H-1B program is needed because it encourages students to stay in the U.S. after getting degrees in high-tech specialties — and they can’t always find enough American workers with the skills they need.

Congress is considering several bills to overhaul the visa program. One, introduced by Illinois Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin and Iowa Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley, would require companies seeking H-1B visas to first make a good-faith effort to hire Americans, a requirement many companies can dodge under the current



FILE - In this Dec. 13, 2016, file photo, President-elect Donald Trump holds up Green Bay Packers jersey given to him by House Speaker Paul Ryan at a rally in West Allis, Wis. President Donald Trump heads to Ryan’s congressional district in Wisconsin on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, facing low approval ratings and in the wake of his failure to fulfill a campaign promise to repeal and replace the federal health care law. (AP Photo/Morry Gash, File)

system; give the Labor Department more power to investigate and sanction H-1B abuses; and give “the best and brightest” foreign students studying in the U.S. priority in getting H-1B visas.

Trump’s stop at the world headquarters of Snap-on Inc. would come as the president

faces an approval rating of just 41 percent in Wisconsin, a state he barely won in November. The visit also would take him to the congressional district of House Speaker Paul Ryan, who won’t be joining the president because he’s on a bipartisan congressional trip visiting NATO countries.



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